

evil and that joy is everlasting. Today, we give thanks for God's many blessings and pray for His peace in the affairs of men.

Laura joins me in sending our best wishes for a happy Easter.

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language version of this message. An original was not available for verification of the content of this message.

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### **Digest of Other White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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#### **April 3**

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

#### **April 4**

In the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

#### **April 5**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to Charlotte, NC, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Laura Spencer. Later, at Central Piedmont Community College-Central Campus, he met with job training program participants.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to St. Louis, MO, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Karen Donton.

Later in the afternoon, at Busch Stadium, the President threw out the first pitch for an opening day Major League Baseball game between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Milwaukee Brewers. Later, he participated in separate interviews with Fox Sports Midwest and Mike Sharron of KMOX Radio.

In the evening, the President traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

#### **April 6**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he traveled to El Dorado, AR, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Joe McFadden.

In the afternoon, the President returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

#### **April 7**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom to discuss counterterrorism efforts, the situations in Iraq and the Middle East, and Prime Minister Blair's upcoming visit to the White House.

Later in the morning, the President had a videoconference with the National Security Council, including Ambassador L. Paul Bremer III, Presidential Envoy to Iraq, and Gen. John P. Abizaid, USA, combatant commander, U.S. Central Command.

In the afternoon, the President had a second videoconference with the National Security Council, including Ambassador Bremer and Gen. Abizaid.

The White House announced that the President will host Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom at the White House on April 16.

The White House announced that the President will meet with Prime Minister Paul Martin of Canada at the White House on April 30.

#### **April 8**

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vladimir Putin of Russia to discuss the situation in Iraq, counterterrorism efforts, and other issues. He then had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice to discuss her testimony before the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States (9/11 Commission) earlier in the day. Later, he hosted a tour of the Bush Ranch for representatives of conservation and sportsmen's organizations.

Also during the day, the President participated in an interview with the Ladies' Home Journal magazine.

The President announced his intention to nominate Albert A. Frink, Jr., to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Manufacturing and Services.

The President announced his intention to nominate Sudeen G. Kelly to be a member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jon D. Leibowitz to be a Commissioner of the Federal Trade Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr., to be Inspector General of the Social Security Administration.

The President announced his intention to nominate David M. Stone to be Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration).

The President announced his intention to nominate Allen Weinstein to be Archivist of the United States.

The President announced his intention to nominate Benjamin H. Wu to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Technology Policy.

The President announced his intention to nominate Victor Henderson Ashe to be Ambassador to Poland.

The President announced his intention to nominate James B. Cunningham to be U.S. Representative to the Vienna Office of the United Nations with the rank of Ambassador and U.S. Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeffrey D. Feltman to be Ambassador to Lebanon.

The President announced his intention to nominate Patricia M. Haslach to be Ambassador to Laos.

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard B. LeBaron to be Ambassador to Kuwait.

The President announced his intention to nominate Raquel Egusquiza and Julia L. Wu to be members of the Board of Trustees for the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

The President announced his intention to appoint Stewart Simonson as Assistant Secretary for Public Health Emergency Preparedness at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his intention to designate Alicia R. Castaneda as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Housing Finance Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Randal Quarles as a member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education: Gregory Anderson; Donna L. Brown; Robin Butterfield; Robert Chiago; Carol Gho; Kathy Hopinkah Hannan; Michelle D. Henderson; Cynthia A. Lindquist; Michael C. Parish; Lennie L. Pickard; Lori Quigley; Virginia Thomas; Ronald G. Toya; and Linda Warner.

#### ***April 9***

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi of Italy and President Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland to discuss the situation in Iraq. He also had a telephone conversation with President Francisco Flores Perez of El Salvador to discuss the situation in Iraq and to express his condolences on the death of a Salvadoran soldier in Iraq on April 3.

Also during the day, the President had a videoconference with the National Security Council, including Ambassador Bremer, Gen. Abizaid, and Lt. Gen. Ricardo S. Sanchez, USA, commander, Coalition Joint Task Force Seven.

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## **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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### ***Submitted April 6***

Michael H. Watson,  
of Ohio, to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio, vice James L. Graham, retiring.

### ***Submitted April 8***

Victor Henderson Ashe,  
of Tennessee, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Poland.

James B. Cunningham,  
of Pennsylvania, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Vienna Office of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

James B. Cunningham,  
of Pennsylvania, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Representative of the United States of America to the International Atomic Energy Agency, with the rank of Ambassador.

Raquel Egusquiza,  
of Michigan, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring October 13, 2005, vice Lynda Hare Scribante, term expired.

Jeffrey D. Feltman,  
of Ohio, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Lebanon.

Patricia M. Haslach,  
of Oregon, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Counselor, to be

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Suedeem G. Kelly,  
of New Mexico, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the term expiring June 30, 2009 (reappointment).

Richard LeBaron,  
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the State of Kuwait.

Jon D. Leibowitz,  
of Maryland, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for a term of 7 years from September 26, 2003, vice Mozelle Willmont Thompson, term expired.

Stuart Levey,  
of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement, vice Jimmy Gurule, resigned.

Patrick P. O'Carroll, Jr.,  
of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Social Security Administration, vice James G. Huse, Jr., retired.

Barbara J. Sapin,  
of Maryland, to be a member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of 7 years expiring March 1, 2007, vice Benjamin Leader Erdreich, resigned.

David M. Stone,  
of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (new position).

Allen Weinstein,  
of Maryland, to be Archivist of the United States, vice John W. Carlin.

Benjamin H. Wu,  
of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Technology Policy, vice Bruce P. Mehlman, resigned.